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In re application of: Christophe MALEVILLE

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For: METHOD OF INCREASING THE AREA
OF A USEFUL LAYER OF MATERIAL
TRANSFERRED ONTO A SUPPORT

Attorney Docket No.: 4717-5800

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement dated July 15, 2005, applicants elect, with traverse, species A, namely, that species where the donor wafer is the first substrate. The claims readable on the elected species are as follows:

claims 1-11 and 13-24

It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is in error for at least two reasons.

First of all, the invention is directed to a method for transferring a first substrate to a second substrate, and it is not critical as to which substrate is the first substrate and which is the second substrate. The Examiner's restriction requirement fails to focus on the novel features of the invention and instead is directed to a subfeature of the claims. Certainly, a patentability search for a method for transferring a first substrate to a second substrate will include all embodiments including whether the first substrate is a donor substrate or whether the second substrate is the donor substrate.

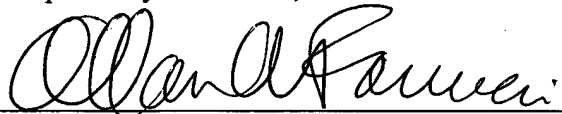
Furthermore, the restriction is not timely and should have been made in the previous communication. Certainly, applicants did nothing to change the claims in their response so that this requirement could have been made previously. Thus, the restriction should be withdrawn, and an action on the merits should be prepared without further delay.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.

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Respectfully submitted,



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